

THE END OF THE WORD: J

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The letter J is the second least common last letter in English, exceeded in rarity only by Q. Words ending in J are sufficiently rare that it is feasible to compile a list of all such words.

Following is a compilation of words ending in J from various dictionaries. Capitalized words and words marked as foreign are included, but to keep the list to a manageable size, personal and place names are excluded.

- AFLAJ plural of falaj (Cham)
- BENJ variant of bhang, a hemp plant (NI2)
- BHIMRAJ the racket-tailed drongo (F&W)
- BHUMIJ branch of Munda tribes in India (NI3)
- CHUJ a people of northwestern Guatemala (NI3)
- CLUJ of or from the city of Cluj, Romania (NI3)
- ESRAJ an Indian musical instrument with 3 or 4 strings (OED2)
- FALAJ a water channel as part of the ancient irrigation system of Oman (Cham)
- FUNJ variant of Fung, a people dominant in Sennar (NI3)
- GAJ Omanese coin (NI2)
- GENJ a common type of cotton cloth in Sudan (F&W)
- GUNJ a granary in India (NI2)
- HADJ variant of hajj (NI3)
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- HAJILIJ the bito, a small scrubby tree that grows in dry parts of Africa and Asia (NI2)
- HAJJ pilgrimage to Mecca (NI3)
- HIJ obsolete form of hie or high (OED2)
- JUBARAJ variant of Yuvaraja, the male heir to an Indian principality (OED2)
- KALEEJ variant of kali (NI3)
- KALIJ any of several crested Indian pheasants (NI3)
- KANKREJ guzerat, a breed of Indian cattle (NI3)
- KHARAJ a tax on unbelievers (NI2)
- KHAWARIJ plural of Kharijite, a member of the oldest religious sect of Islam (NI3)
- KHIRAJ variant of kharaj (NI2)
- KILIJ a Turkish saber with a crescent-shaped blade (RHD)
- KURUNJ variant of kurung, the Indian beech (NI2)
- MAHARAJ variant of Maharaja, an East Indian prince (OED2)
- MUNJ a tough Asiatic grass (NI3)
- NARANJ Maldivian name for mancala, an Arabian board game (CD)
- PAKHAWAJ a double-headed drum used in Indian music (OED2)

RAJ rule (NI3)
 SAJ the Indian laurel (NI2)
 SAMAJ Hindu religious society (NI3)
 SOHMAJ variant of samaj (NI2)
 SOMAJ variant of samaj (NI2)
 SVARAJ variant of swaraj (F&W)
 SWARAJ local self-government in India (NI3)
 TAJ a tall conical cap worn by Moslems (NI3)
 TEDJ variant of tej (OED2)
 TEJ Ethiopian mead (OED2)
 VIRAJ in Hindu mythology, the mysterious primeval being when
 differentiating itself into male and female (F&W)
 YUVARAJ same as Jubaraj (OED2)
 YUVERAJ same as Jubaraj (OED2)
 YUVRAJ same as Jubaraj (OED2)
 ZIJ Persian astronomical tables (F&W)

This list is almost certainly not complete. For example, on page 187 of Beyond Language, Dmitri Borgmann has UDRUJ in a word list. What reference he dug this word out of is unknown; the combined efforts of the National Puzzlers' League electronic mailing list could not produce the source of this word. Additions to this list will be welcomed by the author.

REFERENCES

CD The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia, 1911
 Cham Chambers English Dictionary, 1988
 F&W Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary of the English
 Language, 1941
 NI2 Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition, 1942
 NI3 Webster's Third New International Dictionary, 1981
 OED2 Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition, 1989
 RHD Random House Dictionary of the English Language, 1966

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